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There is nothing that can be done to

increase its digestibility.

Don't hurry out the tomato plants.

Better wait till these cold winds are

done blowing, and the soil gets warm.

The prospect for tree fruits in the

States of the Mississippi valley is far

from promising.

Because the time for planting is getting

late, do not hurry on the work by only

half doing it. Thorough preparation of

the soil should be the rule to the last.

A thick and vigorous stand of clover

and the grasses gives promise of a beau-

tiful hay crop. When the grass grows

luxuriantly the farmer is all right.

The new Turner Creamery officers

have located a site for their butter factory

and will commence the work of erection

next week.

Those who really want to favor the

farmer should be sure that they teach

the truth and nothing but the truth, and

write a correspondent to the New-Eng-

land Farmer in speaking of the farm

year.

Manure is the great want of every

farm. Money is not plenty with the

farmers at this time, but manure may be

had by exercising in the saving. It is

possible for every good farm to be grow-

ing more productive from the manure

made from its own products.

Are you giving proper attention to the

peas? It is not too late to plant sweet

peas, beans, and cucumbers. Sweet

peas should be planted at intervals of

a week till the twentieth of June. Plant

a few hills of the early cluster cucumber

in the garden.

We often hear it said, "The farmer is

his own boss." It's true, and "pity 'tis

that's true," sometimes, for what a hard task-

master he can be! There is no life in

which it is possible to grow so narrow

and selfish, but it is a life as broad

and beautiful as the world itself, if you only

choose to make it so.

At the Iowa station, 14 Shorthorn

steers have been fed experimentally the

past winter. Seven of these have been

fed on a balanced ration. The other

seven were fed on a corn ration alone.

In February there was no perceptible

difference, either in gain or general ap-

pearance. The first of May, however,

the steers on the balanced ration have

the appearance of being in a better con-

dition to carry on a further growth than

those fed on corn. Prof. Curtis, who

has the experiment in charge, says there

is nothing new in this, as he has always

known that there was a limit to the time

that cattle could be successfully fed on

corn alone.

In speaking of the advancement of

agricultural education, the Editor of the

story of his life from 1837 to 1898 estab-

lishes that. But in his position as an

officer of the State, always held distinct-

ly in mind the important axiom that

public money appropriated for scientific

research should be so used as to return

practical benefit to the taxpayers in

their daily labors; and he never lost

sight of what was called the "economic"

—that is to say, the practically useful—

features of the study of entomology.

His services to the public in the science

which he pursued with such distin-

guished success—whether regard be had

to his investigations, his voluminous

though always condensed and business-

like writings, or his lectures before

learned bodies and popular assemblages

—have been of inestimable value.

THE STATE POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND

THE STATE FAIR.

For several years past the State Pom-

ological Society has held its annual fruit

and floral exhibition in connection with,

or more properly, in juxtaposition with,

the State Fair at Lewiston. While there

have been conditions about the arrange-

ment thus entered into and carried along

during these years that did not fully

come up to the standard the officers of

the society felt should be reached in

their work, yet the arrangement went on

without friction on either side, and we

believe to the general satisfaction of the

public. But for the last three years the

State Fair has been held so early in the

season that it has not given Maine fruits,

with the exception of a few early varie-

ties, a fair showing. The exhibition

thus drawn together was no credit to the

fruit-growing interests of the State, and

failed in large measure to meet the pur-

poses for which the efforts were put

forth. The action of the State Fair au-

thorities in adopting so early a date as

a fixture for the future, led the Pomol-

ogical Society to still further question the

propriety of continuing the former ar-

rangement. If the exhibit was to be

held in connection with the State Fair, it

was felt it should be modified to meet

the conditions required on account of the

earlier dates.

The Pomological Society, in accepting

an act of incorporation from the legisla-

ture, took upon itself the charge of fos-

tering the horticultural interests of the

State. The State grants them a stipend

to be used in that work. This grant car-

ries with it the implied requirement that

it shall be so expended as to best pro-

mote the interest assigned to their

charge. A conviction has been growing

in the Society that the paying out of so

much money in premiums for half-grown

fruit, as they have recently been doing

under the standing arrangement, was not

the best use for the money, and there-

fore could not be continued by the Soci-

ety. The State Fair authorities desired

former arrangements to be continued.

This Pomological Society felt should

no longer be done, and therefore de-

clined the proffered terms and will not

hold an exhibition in connection with

the State Fair the coming season.

In taking the position it does, the

Pomological Society believes it can do

more and better work for "the promotion

of fruit culture in the State," than would

be possible in connection with the State

Fair. Its plan of action, we understand,

is not yet made, further than the straw-

berry exhibition announced in the

Farmer two weeks ago. It has a board

of officers thoroughly familiar with the

fruit interests of the State, while its

members are chiefly made up of the

fruit growers themselves. The Society,

therefore, will in no sense relax its efforts

in behalf of the fruit-growing industry.

Of course the State Fair will continue

a combined fruit and flower exhibition

under its own management. The State

Fair would be incomplete without this

important and attractive feature in some

form. While the fruits are immature

and unattractive, the flowers are at their

best, and even if shown alone would still

be an attraction that cannot be omitted.

It is probable, therefore, that in the

separate work of the two societies the

horticultural interests of the State will

be even better served than under the

old arrangement.

It was demonstrated years ago that an

independent horticultural exhibition, de-

pendent on gate receipts to meet ex-

penses, was not practicable. The Massa-

chusetts Horticultural Society's exhibi-

tions are all free and open to the public.

It is entirely practicable for our Pomol-

ogical Society, with the means it now

has in hand to hold its exhibitions with-

out the aid of gate admissions. Under

such conditions seasonable special com-

petitive exhibitions in any of the several

branches of its legitimate work would

be welcomed in any community. Hence

it would not be necessary to localize its

influence by a permanent location at any

one point. All these matters of course

will receive due consideration on the

part of the officers of the society and in

due time their plan of operation will be

known.

ARE YOU IN IT!

Last autumn, following so unfavorable

a season for the general crops of the

farm, and also at the same time having to

meet a range of unusually low values for

all products of the farm, we urged special

effort in preparation for an enlarged busi-

ness another year that the lost ground

might be made up. That year is now upon

us. The season opened with smiling sun-

shine and drying winds all favorable for

pushing the work of the farm. Prices

of nearly all productions, both animal

and vegetable, have made a handsome

advance and with a certain promise of

being sustained. Thus the hopeful and

helpful outlook predicted as in store for

the active farmer is being fully met.

Now the question is, are you preparing

to secure to yourself the advantage clearly

within your reach of the improved

conditions characterizing the present

year? All this will do no good to him

who puts forth no effort to profit from

the situation. There should be in-

creased activity on all lines. More and

better work should be done; more seed

should be put in the ground; more sheep

should be sheared and more lambs

grown; more cows should be milked;

more steers fed from the green pas-

tures. In this way alone can the mis-

fortunes of last season be repaired and

a new line of prosperity be set up. A

kind Providence most helps those who

try hardest to help themselves. Are you

in it?

The farmer who has curtailed his ef-

forts, cut down his herd, reduced his

teams, narrowed his acres of crops, all

for the reason of a discouraging year

passed by, will never recover from the

embarrassment through such a course.

There is too much of a tendency to

"one-horse farming." It dwarfs the

man all through and through. More

work, full as much as better work, is

what wins prosperity. We have the

land but it must be used to earn an

income for its owner. Then let every

reader of the Farmer put forth every

possible effort this brighter and better

year to secure the advantages clearly

within his reach.

NOT SO BAD.

It seems after all that the San Jose

Scale is not so formidable an enemy to

fruit trees as professional entomologists

have represented. It is well known that

this scale insect has become quite widely

established in the Atlantic border though

so far as is known it has not yet been

found within the limits of our State.

Of late the former scary stories of its

damaging work have been somewhat

toned down by those who have had to

deal with the enemy. A Mississippi

valley fruit grower writes as follows:

"Some are making a mountain out of

a molehill, and seem to overlook en-

tirely the fact that this scale problem

was solved in California some six or

eight years ago, and is to-day, requiring

much less attention than some fungous

diseases which are so numerous through-

out the Eastern and Middle States. It is

far easier to combat the San Jose scale

than the codling moth, scab, blight, or

bore; the former can be kept thor-

oughly in check with less work and ex-

pense than any one of the latter. This

is an indisputable fact—a fact thoroughly

demonstrated in the California orchards.

It is unnecessary to 'dig up and burn a

badly infested tree,' as the wise ones

often say. Three thorough sprayings

with lime, sulphur, and salt, or resin

wash, properly applied at the right

times, will clean any tree, no matter

how many scales are on it; then one

spraying a year is sufficient. Of course,

if the scale have been on so long as to

almost kill the tree, then a new one had

better be planted.

It sounds rather ridiculous to hear

such an uproar about an insect that, as

said before, is less dangerous or trouble-

some than many of the insects which

orchardists are fighting and saying nothing

about. The numbers of curculio, codling

moth and several others, can only be

diminished in a degree, and the dam-

age resulting from their depredations in

proportion; but the scale can easily be

rendered perfectly harmless.

THE CLEAN-SEED LAW.

The clean-seed law enacted by the last

legislature, and which has for the first

time been in force during the seed time

of the present season, has been the

means to doubt of more critical atten-

tion on the part of seedsmen over the

purity of the seeds handled. It has also

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CAKE AND POETRY.

What art thou, Life? A fleeting day of change,
A trembling dawn on a wide-reaching, rest-
less sea?
A fervid noon—eve's shadow, dim and
strange?
(Oh, that reminds me. I must bake some
cake for tea.)
Thy morn is beautiful, oh Life! (I thought
to glance into the cook-book, so to make
quiescence.
"Three eggs—a cup of cream," just as I
thought.)
With all its dreams, so high, so true, so
pure!
Grand is thy full, sweet noontide, "sift the
flour
And stir it in." I'm glad the oven's hot and
fair.
When lofty purpose arms the soul with
power.
("Raisins and currants, one cup each with
spice.")
Night, and the day's fulfillment! Oh, how
wondrous is this mystery! ("Then add
about a teaspoon of lemon flavoring"—there
Now, while it bakes, I'll write my poem
out.)
—Madeline S. Bridges, in *Ladies' Home Jour-
nal*.

MY NEIGHBOR'S CHILDREN.

The other day one of my friends made
known to me her woes in this fashion:
"You know what a beautiful, silky coat
Don used to have. We thought it was
all due to his diet. We gave him very
little meat, and prepared his meals by
rule. But now he will not eat what we
offer him. The new neighbors have
spoiled him. He goes in there for a lunch,
and if they do not give him what he
wants he barks, and they try again until
he is satisfied. He hasn't been well lately,
and we think they may have been feed-
ing him fat meat."

"Oh, yes, and we appreciate their kind-
ness," she replied, dolefully; and I
straightway felt to thinking how her
words might be echoed by many a moth-
er who sees her labor wasted, the teach-
ing and care of months counting as
naught, through the mistaken kindness
of a friend.

Little Sue knows that mamma will not
give her ginger-snaps in the middle of
the forenoon, and so she runs over to
auntie's and asks for some. Auntie fills
her hands with snaps, and offers her a
piece of cake besides, with never a qualm
of conscience, and next day is "so sorry"
to hear that the whole family were up
with Sue half the night.

How easy it would have been to help
the little girl's conscience by a single
question, "Would mamma be willing?"
This would have brought the shadow of
disappointment which auntie cannot bear
to see on the face of her pet, but with
the honest answer Sue would have gained
a new understanding of obedience, and a
new trust in loyal auntie.

And now a question for us all. Is it
ever right to wink at deception or any
wrong-doing in a child? I need not forth-
with produce a switch, nor yet launch in
to a sermon, but my disapproval may be
made evident to a child's sensitive feel-
ings without any lack of courtesy. One
of my dog friends has an impression that
the moral law applies only at home. His
plate of meat was set on the stove-
hearth under his nose he would not think
of touching it, but at "Aunt Mary's" he
steals whatever he can find. Probably
many children have a vague idea of a
similar sort, and a little polite expres-
sion of feeling on the part of a long-suffering
hostess might open their eyes to a new
fact, namely, that certain actions are
frowned upon by society in general, and
that it is not only mamma's notion.

Children might more easily compre-
hend this fact if they were more gener-
ally given their rightful position as
members of society. We are very hon-
orable. We would not for the world re-
veal the secret of a friend; but yesterday,
when you repeated to a roomful of peo-
ple little Katie's quaint remark, you
failed to notice the hurt, proud look on
the little girl's face. A wonderful thought
had come to her, and she whispered it to
you because she loved you so. It was
your part to listen reverently, and not to
make it common by sharing it with the
whole world. I wonder when she will
again favor you with her confidence!

Again, we are not gossip, but when
Tommy and Nellie have spent an after-
noon with us, we devote part of the
evening to a discussion of their childish
faux. We criticize their table manners,
and wish their mother would teach them
not to interrupt. We think, of course,
that they will never hear of our remarks;
but nevertheless we have broken the
laws of hospitality, and our relation to
the children is changed. We are less
their friends, though they know it not.

Since I love my neighbor so well, it
inevitably follows that I feel an anxious
desire to understand all things which
pertain to his welfare—whether his meat
is well cooked, how many silver spoons
he has, and whether he sends his cuffs to
the laundry or has them washed at home.
For this purpose, what more natural than
that I should encourage the prattling
tongues of his children? But when I
have added to the already overburdened
duty of a new supply of gossips and
scandal-mongers, not to mention a few
choice specimens of the woman who tells
all she knows, I am fortunate to escape
the mobbing which they deserve. We all
know that a well-bred child does not
talk of family affairs to every one, but
how is a frank, open-hearted boy or girl
to avoid answering questions? Even
without questions it is easy to lead them
on. The flattery of absorbed attention
and the smiling, confidential air of an
older person affects them quickly, and
they early learn the delight of telling an
interesting story. If Mrs. Smith is so
much interested in the account of Mrs.
Brown's dress-making, why not tell her

THE DUTY OF MOTHERS.

Daughters Should be Carefully
Guided in Early Womanhood.

What suffering frequently results
from a mother's ignorance; or more
frequently from a mother's neglect to
properly instruct her daughter!

Tradition says "woman must suffer,"
and young women are so taught.
There is a little truth and a great deal
of exaggeration in this. If a young
woman suffers severely she needs
treatment and her mother should see
that she gets it.

Many mothers hesitate to take their
daughters to a physician for examina-
tion; but no mother need hesitate to
write freely about her daughter or
herself to Mrs. Pinkham and secure
the most efficient advice without
charge. Mrs. Pinkham's address is
Lynn, Mass.

The following letter from Miss MARY
F. JOHNSON, Centralia, Pa., shows what
anxiety will do, and tells how Mrs.
Pinkham helped her:

"My health became so poor that I
had to leave school. I was tired all the
time, and had dreadful pains in my
side and back. I was also troubled
with irregularity of menses. I was
very weak, and lost so much flesh that
my friends became alarmed. My
mother, who is a firm believer in your
remedies from experience, thought per-
haps they might benefit me, and wrote
you for advice. I followed the advice
you gave, and used Lydia E. Pinkham's
Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills as
you directed, and am now as well as I
ever was. I have gained flesh and have
a good color. I am completely cured of
irregularity."

about it? and if an added "she says" or
"I guess" brings a smile of appreciation,
the temptation is too great to be resisted.
This habit grows insensibly, and the
child who, with the best intentions, en-
tertained Mrs. Smith with the story of
her neighbor's affairs, grows into a busy-
body, while the girl who told how many
pies mamma made to-day, and "what we
had for dinner," becomes the woman
who entertains her hostess with an ac-
curate account of her doings for the last
twenty-four hours—a senseless mass of
details with no possible interest for any
one except in the fact that they concern
herself.

A child's beauty may prove to be a
temptation of the worst kind. Mamma's
golden curls and her brother's "violet"
eyes are a source of injury to the owners
in whose presence they are extravagantly
praised. When Mamma's curls are
admired, leaving an affected toss of the
head, and when Jack has learned the
conceited swagger by which we all recog-
nize that the child is father to the man,
then let us all carefully search the past.
Perhaps we shall recognize as our own
work the very faults which we most dis-
like.

Last comes my duty to the children
whom no one thinks of praising. Haw-
thorne, in "The Christmas Banquet,"
mentions a lady, who, on account of only
one trifling defect—a slight cast in her
left eye—resigned herself to gloom and
despondency and velled her countenance
even from her own gaze. He explains
that this flaw "shocked the pure ideal of
her soul rather than her vanity"; but
however that may be, I am convinced
that, if he had inquired closely into the
incidents of this lady's early life, he
would have discovered some womanly
friend who, unwilling to let the matter
rest, had kept it always in her mind
with public jest and veiled allu-
sion, till she began to wear her veil in
self-defense. Faults of self-conscious-
ness, and even apparent stupidity, may
often be traced directly to the thought-
lessness of some acquaintance; for few
people realize that the speech which to
an older person would show merely a
lack of delicacy, is positive cruelty to a
child.

My sermon is ended in good time. I
hear outside a clatter which announces
the approach of a procession of small
people coming to see how fast I can spit
them.—Mary L. French, in *The Christian Union*.

GOOD COOKING AND TEMPERANCE.
We are sincerely glad that a Washing-
ton minister, according to the *Post*, of
that city, has discovered that good cook-
ing is a valuable aid to temperance, and
that bad cooking will drive a man to
drink. There is no doubt, however, that
he is speaking the truth. Food unat-
tractively presented fails to stimulate the
appetite, and if also badly cooked, does
not afford the requisite amount of nutri-
tion. The stomach, craving sustenance
of a nature most easily assimilated, seeks
to supply by liquor the lack of support
for which the improperly cooked food is
responsible. This is sound reasoning, and
is much more to the point than blaming
the drink habit upon the theory of origi-
nal sin. Hygiene is closely associated
with morals. It is important that good
cooking be taught in the schools. Now
that the pulpit is beginning to recognize
this fact, and is disposed to lend its
powerful aid to a subject unfortunately con-
sidered merely gross and sensual, there
is a possibility that the day of general
appreciation is not long to be postponed.

A woman who can cook, who is not in-
different to the appearance of her table,
and who does not trust anything and
everything to the woman who happens to
be employed in the kitchen, is, indeed, a
rare treasure. It is said that a good chef
never lets a dish pass out of his domain
until he has approved it through the
senses of taste and sight. If the same
care were exercised by all housewives
there would be a happier condition of
affairs.

The trouble is that most people believe
that good cooking and extravagance are
synonymous. Nothing, as a matter of
fact, could be further from the idea we
are intending to convey. It costs no more
to prepare a well-cooked meal than one
which is beyond the power of the human
stomach to digest. Nor is there anything
degrading or trivial in this matter of gas-
tronomic study. When Richelieu could
invent the mayonnaise, when Talleyrand
could spend an hour daily with his cook,
and when Lord Bacon did not consider it
beneath his dignity and intellect to

grapple with the intricacies of the kit-
chen, we of lesser genius can most cer-
tainly not hesitate. We may be happy,
too, in the knowledge that while hitherto
we applauded the tasteful delicacy be-
cause it pleased our palates, we are now
contributing to the cause of temperance.
The highest motives may hereafter ac-
company the stirring of the spoon, and
when we roast our beef or stew our cab-
bage we may be elevated by the thought
that we are contributing to the moral
progress of the human race.

WOMEN AND WAR.

If those who stand and wait are as
truly servants as the tollers who put
their hands to the plow or smite with
the sword, then will there be a great
army of useful women, and men, too, for
the matter of that, who will be doing
yeoman service.

Away back in the sixties women found
quite enough auxiliary war work to oc-
cupy their time and thoughts. There
were fairs and festivals, suppers and an-
niversaries, gala days and brilliant nights,
when deft fingers and busy minds ar-
ranged and planned for entertainments
to raise money to defray necessary ex-
penses or to purchase materials to make
garments for the brave boys who were
fighting for the homes they held so dear
and the country that insured them such
a peaceful dwelling place.

One picture comes back with the ut-
most distinctness. A great public hall,
bright with the sunshine of a midsum-
mer day; a long row of sewing machines,
buzzing through the seams, gussets and
bands of great piles of worn flannel shirts;
bundles of old linen, gradually melting
into list and pieces of chosen cloth tak-
ing shape as bandages. Girls and children
ran errands or threaded needles and
picked out bastings, while a couple of
elderly, experienced-looking matrons
presided at a long table, shears in hand,
cutting out work which the younger and
less mature in judgment basted under
the instructions of a competent superin-
tendent. Business men dropped in to
cheer, or to suggest, as the case might
be, and occasionally a young man or two
made his appearance to lend his stalwart
strength to the more delicate arms that
were packing the boxes and doing up the
bales. And who can tell of the boxes of
goodies that travelled by rail and pro-
peller to feed the hungry loved ones who
for months had subsisted on hard tack
and the plainest food? There were tur-
keys and chickens, roast pigs and lambs,
boiled hams and sides of mutton, with
appropriate sauces. Baked beans by
cansful and panful went into the pack-
ing cases, while brown bread, dough-
nuts, crullers and cakes of all sorts filled
the cupboards and added to the variety
and interest of the shipment.

Thousands of women, young and old,
made letter-writing a part of their Chris-
tian duty when they did not do it for
pleasure. They wrote to the forlorn ones,
sent messages to those who seemed to
have no friends to write them cheering
letters, provided good and entertaining
reading matter in abundance, and oc-
casionally forwarded a dainty or a remem-
brance that was in many cases like sooth-
ing balm to a lonely and desolate heart.

There are always letters for the good
fellows, always gifts and boxes and good-
ies for the majority, for they have fam-
ilies and friends. But there are always
old ones, the world's wallflowers,
the unrecognized and uncared-for contingent
that has a heart and a soul that is being
eaten out and destroyed by brooding and
thinking over and dwelling on its solitary
and unappreciated state. By and by it
becomes morbid, and loses its poise. It
grows unmanageable and reckless, and
sometimes there is a tragedy as a finish.
An old General once said: "If I could
have found half a dozen Christian women
who would have seconded my efforts in
the way of entertaining some of the wild
boys in my command, I could have pre-
vented at least three court-martials and
scores of imprisonments. I made every
effort to occupy their time and amuse
them; sometimes they seemed to yield to
my influence, but after a while they
would break away and become almost
desperate. I noticed that they were al-
ways worse after the mail arrived. They
heard their comrades talking over the
news in their letters and the incidents
that were transpiring at home, and it
wrought upon them terribly. If I could
have had an occasional letter from some
person in their town, some recital of
facts and gossip to deliver to them, I
verily believe they could have been kept
within bounds. It will be well for all
philanthropic men and women who have
time to spare, to devote a portion of their
leisure hours to writing to such soldiers
as they can learn of who have no friends
to cheer them by these missives."

Little four-year-old Freddie, while out
walking with his nurse, happened to
pass a blacksmith shop just as the smith
was shoeing a horse. On reaching home,
he astonished his mother by saying:
"Oh, mamma, I found the place where
they make horses; I saw a man nailing
on his feet."

"Bridget, who is that at the door?"
"It's a poor man, mum. He wants
something to eat."

"If he's another refugee driven out of
Spain by the war, tell him there's noth-
ing left for him. We've already fed
eleven ex-convicts this morning."—
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ONE AFTERNOON.

Papa and mamma went out to row.
And left us three at home, you know—Roder-
ick, James, and me.
"My dears," they said, "now play with your
toys.
Like dear little, good little, sweet little boys,
And we will come home to tea."

We played with our toys the longest while.
We built up the blocks for nearly a mile—
Roderick, James and I.
But when they came tumbling down, alas,
They felt right against the looking glass—
O how the pieces did fly!

Then we played the stairs were an Alpine
peak.
And down we slid with shout and with
shriek—
Roderick, I, and James.
But Jim caught his jacket upon a tack,
And I burst the buttons all off my back.
And Roderick called us names.

Then we found a pillow that had a rip,
And all the feathers we cut did slip—
Roderick, James, and I.
And we made a snowstorm, a glorious one,
All over the room. O wasn't it fun,
As the feathery flakes did fly!

But just as the storm was raging around
Papa and mamma came in to find
Roderick, James, and me.
O terrible, terrible things they said!
And they put us all three right straight to
bed.
With empty pillowcases under our head,
And none of us had any tea.
—Laura E. Richards.

THE BRAVE RATS.

A Big Story, But a True One.

There were three of us, Blanche, Cora,
and Sophronia. Blanche did the most
of the housework, for our mother was
away on a visit. I was not very well
and my father wanted me to get out of
doors so I had the hens to feed, when I
was able but when I was not my sister
Sophronia fed them for me. My father
was selectman and was not at home
much at the time of my story. He had
a hired man whose name was Fred.

We had been troubled with rats all
winter and kept seeing them. They had
a path across one of the pens in the
cellar that showed very plainly. My
father thought there must be a lot of
them for he saw them so often, so one
day when he was away he bought a rat
trap. It was a piece of wood with a
very strong wire spring and another
small piece of wood with a hole in it to
put the bait on. He brought this home
one night and the next morning Fred
baited it with butter and put it beside
the hole. He looked at it a little while
after and the rats had licked the butter
out and had not sprung the trap, so he
baited it with meat and at noon when he
went down to feed the stock there was
one in it. He baited it again, this time
with corn, and after he got the stock fed,
he went down again and there was an-
other one. Again he baited it but did
not get anything more that day or the
next, for the trap would not spring.

My sisters and I went down to see the
trap and when we stepped on the bot-
tom stair, a rat ran out from under it.
Blanche and Sophronia wanted to watch
and see if they could see him again, but
I did not for I am afraid of rats, so
they sat down on the stairs and watched
and after a little one came across the
pen almost to where they sat but he ran
back into the well. At night, when
Sophronia went to feed her hens she
stepped into the hen house and stepped
within about a foot of a rat that sat
partly in under a pan. She came back
and got some one to go down and they
killed him. That one made three we
had caught that day and we thought we
were doing finely.

The next morning but one they fixed
the trap and set it in the same place as
they had before and Fred went to split-
ting wood. He would split two barrow
loads and then look at the trap. That
forenoon he caught eight rats. In the
afternoon he did the same and got eight
more, so that day we got sixteen and
three days before, so within three
days, we got nineteen rats. Once we
caught two at one time, the other times
only one and when Fred went down
there was one in the trap and a number
around but they ran when they saw him.

Another time he got out of sight and
watched and there were two old ones
and three little ones came out at once;
at another time two little ones and after
a little, one got in the trap. That night,
they set the trap and the next morning
it was gone and they could see where it
had been dragged through the dirt and
into the wall. We haven't seen or heard
any rats since and Fred strewed some
corn around and it has not been eaten
and I guess they have left us to call on
some one else. If any of the young folks
have got a larger, true rat story to tell
(and the Editor is willing we should tell
rat stories) I wish they would have it
printed.

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The mustering figures received at the War Department, Washington, show that up to Monday, 106,000 volunteers have taken the oath of allegiance to support the United States government.

The Spaniards proved too smart for us and landed their fleet in Santiago, where a supply of coal and food awaited them. Whether our fleet can hold them there is now the question.

It is stated that the Philippine Islands produce 250,000 tons of sugar every year. Has this fact anything to do with the desire to hold these islands permanently?

Some faint conception of the magnitude of the small fruit industry, one of very recent growth, may be gathered from the fact that last Friday, thirty-five carloads of strawberries were received in the city of Boston.

If you have a farm, a horse, a cow, a carriage or anything else to sell, bear in mind that the Maine Farmer is the very best medium and the classified ad. column the place where you will attract greatest public attention. If you would do business patronize these columns.

If the authorities at Washington hope to coerce the French Government into a more friendly attitude by withholding an appropriation for the Paris Exposition in 1900, the ridiculousness of the position will make us the laughing stock among nations.

There are signs of local disturbances in the political heavens but little enthusiasm is manifested save with the parties in, or those who desire to get in. The force of "reform," which means only a fat office for the reformer will not win attention as under other circumstances.

The greatest cause for apprehension today is that, in the state of unrest prevailing among all nations, complications may arise which will involve in a long struggle. A sharp, incisive victory for our troops will do more to clear the atmosphere than is possible in any other way.

Those who do not avail themselves of the magnificent map offered as a premium, may secure the 14x21, 16 page wall atlas. These two offers secure to every home what will be highly prized and of great value, and the Maine Farmer for the family. Send in your name for these grand prizes.

The decision of the United States Supreme Court, against some of the laws restricting the sale of bogs interests, had better be kept free from preservatives, cotton-seed oil and all foreign substances, and sold upon guarantee of purity.

While in other States much criticism is heard because of politics and favoritism in the selection of the military officers of the regiments sent to the front, the State of Maine has reason to congratulate Gov. Powers and his advisers upon the quality and efficiency of those who wear the shoulder straps in the First Regiment.

The low, rakish, black, Spanish war vessels which have given the coast dwellers of New England such a fright, and the newspapers so many scare headlines the past week, turn out to be inoffensive coals from New England ports. The Spanish fleet is indeed invincible if it can be at Porto Rico one day, New-

foundland the next and the coast of Maine the next.

The Iron Age says: "The war with Spain has almost ceased to be a disturbing element. With our great resources and the willingness of the people to submit to additional taxation for the purpose, such a war as that now being waged against Spain can be conducted without the slightest embarrassment for a considerable period, much longer than it will probably last."

In 1861, with a country divided, the Sixth Massachusetts was pelted with bullets as it marched through Baltimore. Last week, with an united country, the Sixth Massachusetts in marching through Baltimore, was pelted with roses. To day, there's no East or West, North or South. One thought and purpose fill every loyal heart, and the flag will wave triumphant.

It is easy to charge inactivity upon Congress and the President because of the many changes and delays in regard to the invasion of Cuba, but the fact is, the Secretary of War is anxious for an immediate movement, while the army officials object until the wet season is over. It begins to look as though war would hardly begin on the land before September.

The report of the State Board of Agriculture of Massachusetts, for 1897, now being sent out by Secretary W. R. Sessions, may well be accepted as a model. It is one of the best issued by that painstaking official, and in its preparation evidences great care. Other reports cover more space but none carry more of merit in arrangement or condensed material.

There is danger that over zealous friends of America, in Europe, may, by ill-timed manifestations of friendliness and public declarations of what an Anglo-American alliance would insure, involve us in serious complications with other nations. We are safe so long as we hold to our first declaration of purposes, and keep in the background the selfish ambition for more territory.

Have the people suffered any because Gov. Powers exercised his authority and saved the State eight to ten thousand dollars? Some of the members of the legislature would doubtless have been glad to have gathered at Augusta, spent a month or more in rounding out eloquent and patriotic sentences, and enjoying the hospitality of Camp Powers, but the State would not have been the gainer in any way. The policy of our Governor will be universally commended.

The death of Hon. William E. Gladstone last Thursday, removes one of the remarkable men of the present century. Surely, no man in Europe has wielded the influence of the "Grand Old Man," who, ripe with years has gone to his rest. A life full of service, strong in moral tone, fearless in defense of principles, and full of loving sympathy is the richest legacy one can leave when the "curtain closes which never outward swings."

Never did the grass fields of Maine promise a richer harvest the last week in May than at the present time. Clover is abundant in every direction. The rain of the present week has given a new face to Nature and the farmers have full reason to be thankful over the outlook. A larger acreage has been cultivated and the seed is well under way. May coming days be rich with promise until the full harvest time brings plenty to every home.

Do we realize that, having seized Manila, the duty of protecting and governing at once becomes absolute? Whatever may come in the future, the policy of the present seems plain, and it was not only a wise, but a necessary step, which sent a substantial force to the support of Admiral Dewey. The sooner complete control is assumed the better for the inhabitants there and our reputation abroad. Our duty is to protect and govern until full possession is accorded, or the island turned over to rightful authorities.

The London Spectator is right in saying that any check which the United States may receive by the intervention of foreign powers will only increase its determination to persist, and that other European nations, with the exception of England and Germany, will find what Italy and Spain have already found, that its government is sitting on a volcano. The American people are not yet aroused. Only a few realize the fact of war. Let some great disaster be met by our forces and at once we would realize the power of mighty forces now slumbering so serenely.

The war cloud now hanging over England and France indicates open hostilities in the near future. The bone of contention is the occupation of West Africa, where France has of late been trespassing very dangerously near to England's possessions. In truth, certain of the French troops have seen fit to enter Russia, from which they have been politely but firmly asked by England to retire "within thirty days," else they will be driven out. What reply France will make remains to be seen. In this connection it is worth noting that England is buying all the coal in sight in Africa, and is even fortifying her Canadian arsenals at St. John's, N. F., as well as sending troops there and to Jamaica.

For the sake of good government and the strengthening of patriotism it is to be hoped no spirit of criticism will be fostered, because of what may, at first blush, seem like vexatious delays. Distance from Spain alone saves Admiral Dewey from serious complications in holding his position in the Philippine Islands. The blow was effectively struck by him before we were ready to follow with necessary support to maintain against opposition. It takes time to organize large bodies, and there are obstacles in the South not known to the

LATEST WAR NEWS.

The Farmer does not attempt to furnish the rumors supplied by dailies with the evident purpose of creating a demand for something exciting and thereby increasing sales, but will here present the gist of the latest news from important centers. The past week has been uneventful save the cutting of the Spanish cable at Santiago de Cuba. The time has been spent in perfecting details which ought to have been attended to before war was declared; the massing of troops at Chickamauga, the sending of a large force to Manila and the concentration of the fleets along the coast of Cuba. The massive warship Oregon is safe in Eastern waters and in close conjunction with the squadron. The situation at Manila is declared to be desperate. Food is scarce and meat is exhausted, while all canned stuff is nearly gone. Two weeks will exhaust the available supply.

The volunteers demanded food, but the Spanish government authorities refused to give it, and riots are threatened. A delegation is said to be preparing to wait on United States Consul Wildman, as the citizens fear an outbreak.

The insurgents control the surrounding country, and Chief Aguinaldo, sent by Consul Wildman has arrived and is organizing the rebels. Foreign residents are moving from Cavite.

Spanish reports say that 500 were killed and 700 wounded in the bombardment by Admiral Dewey. All classes are waiting anxiously the arrival of our troops. There is no sickness on our ships.

A special dispatch from Manila says that the German consul there tried to land provisions from a German ship but that Admiral Dewey refused to permit it. The consul then declared, according to the dispatch, that he would force a landing under the protection of the two German cruisers, but Admiral Dewey threatened to fire upon the cruisers and the attempt to land the supplies was abandoned.

Navy department at Washington is notified of extraordinary activity in Spanish yards, and Spain's apparent intent for a naval move in some direction. The skill of the Spanish Admiral in landing his fleet safe and sound in a Cuban port has brought criticism on American officers, and now it is declared that he has sailed for some spot unknown. The tactics are evidently to steer clear of our squadron and make a bold strike at some weak spot. Sampson's fleet is in waters south of Cuba, while Schley is going around the island to join him. They undoubtedly are in search of Admiral Cervera's fleet.

The navy department has advised from Cadiz that the torpedo boat destroyers, Destructeur and Prosperina, have been put in order and are ready to start with Cervera's fleet as soon as it reaches Cadiz en route to the Philippines, to which point it is thought the center of interest in Spain is now fixed. The Alphonso XIII. and Pelayo are expected to remain at Cadiz with the home squadron. The navy department is suspicious of the news so far as it relates to Cervera's movements.

One thing seems to be fully settled that no time is to be lost in completing the occupation of the Philippines, and troops are to be hurried across the Pacific without further delay. Moreover General Merritt has been instructed to proclaim martial law in the islands just as soon as he arrives there with a sufficient American force. The significance of this is great. It means that the expedition to Manila is not for the purpose of relieving Dewey and enabling him to hold his own, but also for the purpose of administering the government of the island, and such a step, having once been taken, can hardly be retraced.

The latest in regard to the Spanish fleet is that it is in Santiago harbor, and the American men of war lie outside the harbor, eager to give them battle. This is the information which has been received by the administration. The same official dispatch which contained this information intimated that a bombardment of the forts at the entrance of the harbor was begun Tuesday, and it is possible that word will be received of the result of this bombardment within a few hours.

It will be no easy matter for the American ships to compel the Spanish fleet to come out, or to enter the harbor and give battle there.

The harbor is as safe a place of refuge as Cervera could have selected anywhere in the Western Hemisphere. It is completely landlocked, about four miles in length and two miles wide and the entrance is so narrow that only one man of war can enter at a time. Moreover the entire harbor is surrounded by hills, so that it would be impossible for ships lying outside to sight the enemy with sufficient clearness for the training of guns. The entrance is thoroughly mined. Morro Castle on the side is a precipitous fortification of the old type. The La Sopa batteries facing it are not so formidable.

As soon as the fortifications are leveled it will be necessary to send torpedo boats into the channels to destroy the mines and this would have to be done under the fire of Spanish guns inside.

Even with the mines destroyed, there are apparently insuperable obstacles in the way of the entrance of an attacking fleet for it will be impossible for more than one ship at a time to advance, so as to engage the Spanish men of war. The investment of the place may therefore occupy several days.

The only method apparently, by which offensive operations could be carried on would be for the American men of war to steam in succession past the entrance of the harbor, letting loose their batteries as they go by upon the nearest of the Spanish vessels which happens to be in sight. It is hardly conceivable that Admiral Cervera, entrenched as he is behind the hills, would come out into the open in order to give his opponents the advantage of an engagement.

The report from Blanco, which comes by way of Madrid, that nineteen American men-of-war were lying outside of Havana, would seem to indicate that a considerable portion of our squadron is in that neighborhood; and that it is thought by naval officers that Admiral Sampson is quite likely to be in immediate command of the forces there. It is possible that, with Cervera bottled up at Santiago, an immediate attack may be made upon the Havana fortifications, and if this is the plan, Sampson would naturally be the man to carry it out, on account of his great familiarity with the conditions.

It is the general impression among naval officers that Admiral Cervera, with his four cruisers Vizcaya, Almirante Oquendo, Infanta Maria Teresa and Cristobal Colon, and his two torpedo boat destroyers, Pluton and Furor, are anchored in Santiago Harbor, kept in there by the presence outside the harbor of Admiral Sampson's fleet.

The entrance to the harbor, less than one-quarter of a mile wide, with a channel crooked and only 500 feet broad, makes it impossible, practically, for Sampson to go into the harbor after Cervera. Cervera holds the ingress to the harbor as completely as Sampson holds the egress from it.

The boldness of the coast here prevents either squadron from seeing the other; consequently they cannot shoot at each other with any measure of accuracy. To be sure the guns of the battleships, or of the monitors, if any were there, might be elevated so as to cast heavy shells over the cliffs, allowing them to fall in the vicinity of the ships or the city.

If Cervera's fleet is in Santiago and Sampson is patrolling the entrance to the harbor, no battle should be expected for a while yet. Sampson could not risk any of his ships into the harbor, for the terrible torpedo boat destroyers would be in their element, and then, if ever, they would get in their deadly work. A well directed torpedo would mean the destruction of our biggest ships.

Admiral Sampson will, therefore, be obliged to take up his position off the harbor and wait. One effect of the situation will be, however, the removal of the chief objection to the invasion of Cuba by the army. All authorities declared it to be unwise to make the movement until Cervera's squadron was disposed of. In Santiago Harbor it seems that Cervera is pretty nearly as well disposed of as if he were at the bottom.

Latest.

Wednesday afternoon the President issued his second call for troops, seventy-five thousand. This will take another regiment from Maine.

North. It may be easy to mass an army at Tampa but in these midsummer days, there is a very difficult problem to organize and discipline for effective service. Give the authorities time.

According to Brudenell Carter, one of our leading oculists, nearly 60 per cent of the children attending the London board schools do not see as acutely as they ought to.

This defective state of the vision is often noticeable with healthy and approximately well-formed eyes, and he attributes the fault to town surroundings. Very few persons know what their children ought to be capable of seeing, although they will know very well how far a child of, say, 10 would be able to walk or run, and what weight it might be expected to carry. The eyes of every child should be tested on entering upon school life, and if shown to be subnormal, advice should at once be sought.

The training of the eyes was, in his opinion, quite as important as physical drill, to which so much time was already devoted; and he would be inclined to place excellence of vision among the various physical qualifications which were habitually tested by competition.

A seeing contest might at first seem strange; but it could not fail to be of benefit in diffusing a knowledge of what sight ought to be, and it would bring a number of eyes under systematic training to the advantage of their owners and to posterity.

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when Judge W. A. Putnam of the United States district court, presented them with 75 selected standard volumes, as a foundation for a regimental library.

There is now but very little or no doubt, but that the Signal Corps will soon be mustered into the service of the United States.

Lieut. Butler's commission, which it is thought will be that of a First Lieutenant, is expected to arrive in a very few days signed by the President, and then he will begin the enlistment of 30 men.

The day that the Signal Corps was ordered home, the signal officer on General Merritt's staff telegraphed to the commander of Fort Preble in Portland, asking if the Maine corps was a good one, and would be good for service in the Philippines. The answer was "Yes," and General Richards was communicated with, which brought about the order for the corps to stay in its present quarters.

It would not surprise the men in the least if they were ordered to the Philippines.

Colonel Kendall is as much in ignorance of the date that he will start for Chickamauga as any one, though orders are looked for every hour. He expects the orders to march at any time, and yet he would not be surprised if he does not receive them this week, as the state of affairs at Chickamauga can be easily imagined.

So many soldiers are there and in such conditions that it must be hard to care for and equip them. There are now about 60,000 concentrated there, and it may be possible that the authorities do not wish to get more there until the disposition of those already on the ground is settled.

WAR RUMORS.

With the incoming of the new government at Madrid the greatest impetus has been given to activity in the navy yards, and it may be added, to home defenses. Torpedoes have been laid at the entrances of all the important harbors.

The new ministry has determined to send out at once what is known as the reserve squadron, that is to say, the armed warship Pelayo, the protected cruisers Carlos V. and Alfonso XIII., the coast defense ship Vittoria, the torpedo boat destroyers Audaz, Prosperina and Destructeur, the dispatch boat Rapido and alda, the dispatch boat Rapido and alda, and the armed trans-Atlantic liners Joaquin De Pelayo, Alfonso XIII., Antonio Lopez, Ciudad de Cadiz and Buenos Ayres. To the above will be added the Reina Christina, which is being armed in Ferrol, and the Leon XIII., which has already started from Barcelona for Cadiz.

This fleet is likely to start at once, and it is publicly stated that it is going to Manila. Significant suggestions are made as to the possibility of the Pelayo getting through the Suez canal, owing to her draught, but it may be readily understood that the admiralty is not giving secrets away, and that the fleet will sail under sealed orders, and it is quite as likely to go West as East.

It is stated at Cadiz, very positively, that the Pelayo, Carlos V., three of the trans-Atlantic steamers and two torpedo boats are about to sail for the Philippines.

The Pelayo is well armed, well armored and manned; the Carlos V. is well armored and manned and has good guns, but her heavy ones forward will not swing, owing to defects in the machinery, and can only be fired directly ahead.

The Captains of these boats are good men and experienced, but Admiral Camara is regarded by naval men as difficult to work with, giving orders and contradicting them almost in the same breath. He is from Malaga.

It is said at Cadiz that there are mines in Manila harbor that were not exploded when the American fleet entered, the electrical communications being out of order. This has, so it is reported, now been rectified, and preparations are now complete to give Admiral Dewey a warm good-by, should he attempt to leave.

The officers of one of the United States cruisers which arrived at Key West, Monday, say that while off Cape San Antonio (the Western extremity of Cuba), Sunday afternoon, a terrific explosion was heard from the direction of the shore, but apparently many miles away.

There was an upheaval of water all about the ship and the cruiser herself vibrated with the shock from stem to stern.

Many are inclined to think that the phenomenon was an earthquake. There are no batteries near enough to Cape San Antonio to account for a detonation of such volume and it is thought that if any naval disaster had occurred news of it would have been received.

A Key West special says: "The Cubans are fighting their way to the coast where they will join with our forces of invasion."

Three hundred Cubans engaged a squad of Spanish cavalry on Thursday, 15 miles West of Matanzas. The battle was fiercely waged in sight of the ships on the blockade station.

The firing continued after dark, and Friday morning, the Spanish cavalry, which had been reinforced during the night by a battalion of infantry, were seen retreating along the beach in the direction of Havana.

The Cubans are pushing rapidly to the coast to join with our landing troops.

Cash Prizes.

Large cash prizes and other valuable gifts are offered by the J. C. Ayer Co. of Lowell, Mass., for collections of "Health Promovers." Returns must be in by August 1, 1898. Begin your collection at once, and write them for further particulars.

There is little danger of any increase in compensation for members of the State legislature so long as there is such a lively scramble for the honor of a seat at the State House.

[All the stakes opened by Col. Merrill for his August races at Pittsfield have filled and the list will be given in our next issue.

City News.

The steamer Lincoln will go on the route the last of the week thus giving a Sunday night boat to Boston.

Rev. E. S. Stackpole of the Methodist church delivered an address before the Ministerial Association, Lewiston, Tuesday, his subject being: "Revivals, Genuine and Spurious."

A number of places where liquor was supposed to be sold have been raided the past week, and the result is that pocket peddling is said to have wonderfully increased in certain sections.

The largest crowd for the year was present in Augusta, Sunday, but owing to the watchfulness of the officers the best of order prevailed throughout the day.

Highland Lodge, A. O. U. W., gave good evidence of its patriotism when it voted to pay the death benefits of all members killed in the service of the U. S., also to pay benefits resulting from injuries.

A crew of Maine Central workmen have been busy connecting the new stand pipes at the station with the water works and the sewer. The work is now completed and Rines' Hill will be safer than formerly.

Memorial services will be held in nearly all the churches, Sunday morning, but the special service, at which the G. A. R. Post will be present, will be at the Episcopal church in the evening. Sermon by Rev. Mr. Degen.

The funeral services of an old resident of Augusta, Mrs. Ann S. Lancaster, were held at Forest Grove cemetery, Friday. She was a sister of Theodore Perkins, a former well-known citizen of Augusta, who emigrated to California. For the past 26 years, Mrs. Lancaster has resided in Boston.

Winthrop street hill from the railroad up is again receiving vigorous attention, a blind drain six feet deep being put in outside the sidewalk to stop the surface water. The same work is called for on the other hills. Commissioner Cottle will put the streets and sidewalks in shape if the appropriations are sufficient.

The moment of parting at the station, Sunday, when wives, mothers and sisters started on their return journey from Camp Powers was one of those scenes never to be forgotten. Into new dangers, into a new country the boys in blue are going, and only the Infinite knows who will come back or when they will return.

Monday will be Memorial day, the one day of all the year, set apart for special service of remembrance, when garlands and flowers will be twined and wreaths will decorate the graves of dear ones. If the observance is to be fitting, no games or races should be allowed. As well devote the Sabbath to these things.

Asker Walker, engaged in the livery business in this city, until about a year ago, when he suffered a paralytic shock, attempted suicide Friday. This spring he and his wife moved to her father's, Mr. E. T. Well's in Mercer and on Friday morning Mr. Walker was taken violently sick and upon investigation it was found that he had taken Paris green. He is now out of danger.

Memorial Day programme and officers so far as completed are as follows: J. A. Jones, marshal; M. O. Savage, Chief of Staff; Geo. Doughty, assistant Adj. Gen.; N. T. Folsom, Wm. H. Brooks, Frank White, Aides de Camp; Arthur Nichols, H. R. Hopkins, Jr., Harry Savage, Herbert Leighton, Joseph Lee, Orderlies; decoration of graves by detail in the forenoon; parade and exercises in the afternoon; oration at City Hall in the evening by Hon. W. S. Choate.

SONG BIRD BULLETIN.

The June bulletin from the Board of Agriculture will be devoted to our song birds, and Sec. McKen says: "We shall be very glad to have you give our readers your views in relation to the best methods for protecting these birds, the habits of any and all birds with which you are familiar, and any other facts which you may deem of interest. As we note the alarming increase of insects of all kinds and their depredation upon many of our farm crops, it becomes us to heed the work of all of nature's helpers in the great battle for the balance of power, which is so necessary to maintain the even tenor of her course."

In addition, he calls for condition of grass fields as compared with last month in per cent; condition of pastures as compared with last year in per cent; amount of young stock turned to pasture as compared with last year in per cent; colts, young cattle and sheep; how have fruit trees blossomed? average reckoned at 100 per cent—apples, plums, strawberries and other small fruits; what varieties of apples have blossomed the most fully; acreage in potatoes as compared with last year in per cent; acreage in corn as compared with last year in per cent; amount of hay on hand as compared with last year in per cent. Replies to be sent in before June 3d.

Died at White Rock, Maine, May 15th, 1898, Elizabeth Prince Fellows Kemp, widow of the late Willis Bradstreet Kemp, aged 77 years, 6 months, 4 days. Born in Augusta, Me., Nov. 11, 1820. Mrs. Kemp was the last survivor of a family of nine children all born in Augusta.

Charles Clark Fellows, the youngest of the family, died in Boston, Sept. 10, 1897, aged 90 years, 5 months, 29 days. Their parents were William and Relief (Clark) Fellows; the mother dying in 1836, the father in 1838, the family became scattered, none of them residing in their native city very long after the death of their parents. Mrs. Kemp is survived by eight children.

E. G. Storer of this city, wishes to dispose of his carriage, consisting of Bangor top buggy, light used, 1 open, hand made, panel-top, express wagon, suitable for a peddler or farmer.

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ITEMS AND INCIDENTS. Mamma, "Oh, dear! Jimmy, I don't believe you know what it is to be good." Jimmy, "Yes, I do mamma. It's not doing what you want to do." — Truth.

There is a Rockland five year old, according to reports, who surprised his mother by adding this impromptu petition to his evening prayer, the other night, "O Lord, make Spain so weak that the United States can knock the packing out of her."

She, "Love is like seasickness." He, "Why?" She, "Because you can have it awfully and yet can't describe it." — Detroit Free Press.

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Bobby: Papa, what a pessimist! Papa: A pessimist is a person who can't enjoy his dinner today because he is a pessimist about the coffee may be muddy to-morrow.

Sunday School Teacher (illustrating the still, small voice):—"What is it, dear children, that makes you feel so uncomfortable and unhappy when all others have done something which you ought not to do?"

"Dear Child—"A lickin'." Nature has given to men a tongue but two ways to use it. One is to speak as much as we speak.—Epictetus.

When a man owns a blooded horse he is always careful of its health. He looks after its diet and is particular that the feeding shall be regular and right. While he is doing this it is likely as not that he is himself suffering from some disease or disorder. When the trouble gets so bad that he cannot work, he will begin to give himself the care he gave the horse at the start. Good, pure, rich, red blood is the best insurance against disease. It brings vitality, virile health. It builds up solid, wholesome flesh (not fat) when, from any cause, reduced below the healthy standard.

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